



Mass Intentions for the Week

PARISH STAFF

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday
7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday - 7:30 P.M. - Stone Church

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Third Monday of the Month
8:00 to 10:00 P.M. - New Church Chapel

PRAYER GROUP

Thursday - 8:00 P.M. - Parish Center Meeting Room

EARLY BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Tuesday - 6:00 P.M. - Parish Center Library

PARISH COUNCIL

4th Monday of the Month - 8:15 P.M. - Parish Center

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY

Parish Center
Sunday 10:15 to 12:30
Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00 A.M.

GABRIEL PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

1500 Front St. - Suite D - Yorktown - 962-8337

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 26, 2004

Tithing Last Year \$23,3651.50
Tithing This Year 18,405.50
Children's Last Year 302.00
Children's This Year 346.00
Thank you for making St. Patrick's a Tithing Parish.

Monday - January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

6:55 Richard Tebbbett
9:00 Sr. Teresa Houlihan

Tuesday - January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:55 Joseph Sorrentino
9:00 Bridget Gannon

Wednesday - January 5 - St. John Neumann

6:55 Sr. Teresa Houlihan
9:00 Sr. Teresa Houlihan

Thursday - January 6 - Bl. Andre Bessette

6:55 Sr. Teresa Houlihan
9:00 Anna and Helen Lawlor

Friday - January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

6:55 Deceased Members Laudadio Family
9:00 Sr. Teresa Houlihan

Saturday - January 8

9:00 Joseph Brennan
5:15 Offered in Thanksgiving

Sunday - January 9 - Baptism of the Lord

7:45 Deceased Members of the Vales Family
9:00 Maria Ceci
9:15 For the People of St. Patrick's
10:30 Margaret Tesoriero
11:00 Antonio Molliconi
12:30 Antonio Siniscalchi
5:00 Austin Brooks

CELEBRANTS

Saturday - January 8

Fr. Jim

Sunday - January 9

7:45 Fr. Herb 11:00 Msgr. Brennan
9:00 Fr. Smith 12:30 Msgr. Brennan
9:15 Fr. Herb 5:00 Fr. Jim
10:30 Fr. Smith

Confessions - Saturday

Fr. Jim

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Jn 3: 22-4,6/Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4: 7-10/Mk 6: 34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4: 11-18/Mk 6: 45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4: 19-5/Lk 4: 13-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5: 5-13/Lk 5: 12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5: 14-21/Jn 3: 22-30
Sunday: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Acts 10: 34-38
 Mt 3: 13-17

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OUR 7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT held in September was a huge success! The outing netted a profit of almost \$23,000! This was divided between the Home School Association and the Parish. We are extremely grateful to all who participated or supported the tournament through sponsorships. A very special "Thank You" to all who worked so hard to make the tournament such a grand success. We look forward to another great tournament in 2005.

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING...A free introductory session on NFP will be held on January 12th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Loretto School in Cold Spring. This scientifically advanced method of NFP is 99.5% effective for avoiding pregnancy and helps couples conceive when they want to. NFP also offers new hope for couples with infertility - 2-3X more effective than IVF! NFP promotes mutual love between husband and wife and encourages deeper communication, acceptance, intimacy and understanding. To register, call Anna McFadden at 845-265-2385 or e-mail anna@catholicculture.com.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT....Recover from the holidays and renew yourself with a Day of Prayer and Reflection at Divine Compassion Center in White Plains on January 15th from 9-5:00. Theme will be "New Beginnings." \$40 for the day includes lunch. Day ends with liturgy for Sunday. Please call Joan at 845-628-8259 for information and/or reservations.

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FRIDAY EVENING SCRIPTURAL ROSARY resumes in the New Church Chapel on Friday, January 7th from 7:30-8:00. Come and pray the new Luminous Mysteries of Light with us.

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the New Church this week was donated by Carmela and Joe Castrovinci in memory of:

PASQUALINA CICCONE

The Altar Bread and Wine used in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Yorktown Clerical Association in memory of:

DINA PUIATTI

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church this week was donated by Jeanne and Seth Jacobs in memory of:

MARION LANDANNO

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the New Church Chapel this week was donated by friends in memory of:

JOHN CURRAN

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Stone Church this week was donated by The Stefano Family in memory of:

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
STUFANO & CHIARELLA FAMILIES**

UNANNOUNCED MASS.....Deceased: Paul Mozeleski (2), Jane Howe, Jane M . Costello, Josephine Amicangelo, William Hildenbrandt, Augustino Cerasuolo, John Bartolatta (4), Eugene McCabe, Rafael Batista, Margaret Schoonmaker, Jack McQuillan, Deceased Members McQuillan & McDonough Families, Matthew Zeller, Sophia Ruschil, Mary Fay, Horace Green, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Sr. Margaret "Peggy" Bernard Darcy, Anthony Grossi, Margaret Mannix, Paul Masterson, Thelma Cecere, Kathleen Connors, Sr. Teresa Houlihan. **Special Intentions:** Florence Towey, Maryann DeFrancesco, Barbara Fagan, Desmond Lawe, Jr. (2), Karen Giglio, John Patrick McNamara, Mary McNamara, Bernice Kelly, Ernest Willett, The Kerrigan Family, The McAdam's Family, Roseann Rooney, Msgr. Dermot R. Brennan, Kathleen Durr, Nora Lawe, Michael Connors and Family, Alice Cartwright, Al & Connie Cafaro, Frank & Theresa Petrilli, Maureen Mullen, Helen Edwards.

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Baptisms

January 2, 2005

TAYLOR ANN...

Daughter of Lawrence and Suzanne Adams

EMMA JOAN...

Daughter of Dermot and Joan Smyth

RETREAT FOR SINGLE WOMEN (ages 21-50) will be offered by the Sisters of Charity at Mt. Manresa in Staten Island January 28-30. This is an opportunity for single women seeking a deeper spiritual life. Cost is \$150. For details contact Sister Susan Dean at 516-741-0718 or e-mail srdean2424@aola.com.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! Join the new statewide electronic Catholic Advocacy Network to become a more effective player in the public arena. The new network is being established by Cardinal Egan and the bishops of New York State and will use the power of the Internet and the convenience of e-mail to let you lobby your legislators from your own home. Go to www.nyscatholic.org to sign up for this free service. Be sure to mention the name of your parish.

31ST ANNUAL MARCH FOR

LIFE in Washington on Monday, January 24th, is a peaceful non-confrontational march witnessing to the sanctity of life; the most vulnerable and defenseless, the

unborn. Bishops, Rabbis and political leaders speak at the rally in defense of life. The past four years, President Bush has spoken to us live - via phone - to encourage us to persevere. We begin the day with the Celebration of Mass at 5:00 a.m. in the New Church. The bus departs **promptly** at 5:45 a.m. and returns to St. Patrick's approximately 11:00 p.m. We will also be making a stop at the World War II Veterans Memorial. Please call the Rectory to make your reservation for the bus. For all other information, please call Maria at 962-1815.



ROSARY MAKERS GUILD.... "Beads for Peace" will meet Wednesday night, January 5th, from 7-9:00 in the Parish Center Meeting Room. Learn to make Rosaries for the military, missions, children's hospitals and the

elderly. The Guild will repair your Rosaries, accept damaged Rosaries as donations and will make Rosaries for special occasions.

CIRCOLO DA VINCI ITALIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION invites you to their monthly dinner meeting at Miraggio's on Thursday evening, January 6th, at 7:00. Come meet our featured speaker, Rich Mattina of MYO Wine - Westchester's School for Winemaking. Learn about the fascinating world of wine. Dinner is \$25 a person. For information please call Dorothy LaScala at 245-2316.

ST. PATRICK'S LIBRARY will show the video series *Seek First the Kingdom* by celebrated author and television favorite Fr. Benedict Groeschel. He leads us to understand that the search for holiness should be our primary purpose in life. Why do we fail so often in seeking to put God's kingdom first? We will begin viewing this series of talks on Tuesday, January 4th, following the 9:00 Mass and Rosary. Warm up your frosty Tuesday mornings with a hot cup of coffee or tea, a piece of cake and some spiritual nourishment too! All are welcome.

A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING FOR MEN....

Do you know a man who is suffering, either as someone who encouraged abortion, had no say, or stood quietly by allowing it to happen? Men have been told they have no rights when it comes to abortion, but they, too, have lost a child and many are suffering because of it. A Day of Prayer and Healing will be offered on January 29th at the Friary of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in Newark, NJ. For confidential reservations or more information, please call Lumina at 1-877-586-4621.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY (Tarrytown) offers adult undergraduate students the opportunity to complete courses in over 30 degree programs evenings, weekends and on-line. Contact Michelle Cogan at 1-800-724-4312 or e-mail mcogan@fordham.edu for information. Express Admissions Days January 4-11-13-20-25 from 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Tarrytown campus.

From the Desk of Fr. Herb.....

A NEW YEAR...A NEW BEGINNING

With the start of a new year, it's an opportunity for us to look back over the last twelve months and hopefully see that we have grown, not only a year older, but grown to be better people. We can look over the past year and see the significant events that we experienced. Unfortunately, we spent the past year in war, through our prayers and decisions that leaders of countries will make, may this be the year that we see peace. As we continue to celebrate Christmas, may the gift of the Christ child, the symbol of peace, influence all to work toward peace and see that war is not the answer - it never is.

We also were witnesses to the power of nature with hurricane after hurricane hitting Florida and seeing the damage and death but also a sense of resolve on the people to overcome. We sadly saw the horror of the earthquake and tsunami in Asia. We can only stand in awe at the power of nature and pray for these people whose lives have truly been affected, many whose lives will never be the same again.

We saw the passing of a former President and the re-election of our President. We saw the end of an 86 year old 'curse' and a team that won its second World Championship (call me when you win a few more, then we will talk). All in all, 2004 was like any other year with high and low points, bringing to us good times and times that we would rather forget. Some of us may even wonder if it is officially 2005 since Dick Clark was not able to ring in the new year for us. In any case, here we are - another year is over - a new one has begun. Let's make this a great year for ourselves and for all of us.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The Magi, the three kings, pay homage to the Christ child and bring him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They honor and venerate him as the new born King. Gift giving is a joyful time of the Christmas season. We spent time last week opening gifts that were chosen for us by family and friends. We celebrated and continue to celebrate the greatest gift give to us from our Heavenly Father, the gift of the Christ

child. What can we in turn give as our gift? I love the story of the Little Drummer Boy. This young boy had no gift to give the baby Jesus until he reached into himself and started to play his drum. In a way, he gave the most precious gift, he gave from his heart.

Christmas is a time of happiness and joy. It is also the one birthday that we receive the gifts. During this Christmas season, have we asked ourselves what are we going to give to Jesus? As we celebrate Epiphany Sunday today, we have the opportunity to give a gift to the Christ child, the gift of ourselves. In a way, the gift of ourselves is more precious than gold, frankincense and myrrh. We spent the season of Advent making ourselves ready to receive the Christ child, now as we celebrate that gift, given to us out of love from our Father, let us once again offer ourselves to Him as his faithful disciple. Our discipleship is the most precious gift that we can offer, to follow Christ and continue our journey of faith on this earth following his commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you."

Yes, a New Year has started, we pray it will be a year filled with grace and blessings from God. Hopefully it will be the year that we truly see peace in the world and nations united in respect and understanding towards each other. We can do our part in the way we go about our daily lives, constantly aware of the gift of our discipleship with Jesus Christ. In all that we do and say, may we continually be aware that we are Christ. As we once again follow Him, may we continue to grow stronger in our Faith, may we strive to bear witness to Him in all that we do and say. This is the gift we offer, our very selves. In our giving, may we continue to receive for our Father the grace to persevere so that this year we may grow ever closer in our relationship with Jesus. May each day of this New Year draw us closer in our discipleship with Christ so that we may one day come to live with Him in our Father's kingdom.

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